

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1462

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1462.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to second the comments made by my dear friend, the gentleman from Kansas, about the services for Bill Emerson.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

DESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE
CONSTANCE A. MORELLA TO ACT
AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO
SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH
MONDAY, JULY 8, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC
June 27, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable Constance A. Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolution through Monday, July 8, 1996.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the designation is agreed to. There was no objection.

HOURLY MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JULY 9, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, July 8, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

HOURLY MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO
DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY,
JULY 10, 1996, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN
JOINT MEETING HIS EXCEL-
LENCY, BINYAMIN NETANYAHU,
PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of

receiving in joint meeting his Excellency, Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 10, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND
AND REVISE REMARKS IN CON-
GRESSIONAL RECORD

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that for today all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the RECORD entitled "Extension of Remarks."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER AND MI-
NORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT
RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE AP-
POINTMENTS, NOTWITHSTAND-
ING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, July 8, 1996, the Speaker and the minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON
SMALL BUSINESS HAVE UNTIL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1996, TO
FILE REPORT ON H.R. 3158, PILOT
SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER PROGRAM EXTEN-
SION ACT OF 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be permitted to file its report on H.R. 3158, the Pilot Small Business Technology Transfer Program Extension Act of 1996, before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

THE GRAY WHALE SHOULD BE
PROTECTED, NOT HUNTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington [Mr. METCALF] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. METCALF: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Makah Tribe's proposal to hunt five gray whales a year in the Pacific Northwest has been put on hold for at least 1 year. It is my hope that it will eventually be put on hold permanently.

Today, the Clinton administration's delegation to the International Whaling Commission meeting in Aberdeen, Scotland withdrew its request for Makah whaling rights, but has indicated it will renew the request at the IWC meeting next year.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly believe that Congress needs to hold public hearings, so we can give the Clinton administration direction on this issue.

Opposition to this proposal cuts across ideological and political lines. Environmentalists, Republicans, Democrats, and even seven Makah elders question the tribe's need to renew whaling.

Yesterday, my distinguished colleague from the other side of the aisle, Mr. MILLER of California, joined with me in introducing a resolution in the Resources Committee opposing the Clinton administration's support for the gray whale hunt. The resolution passed unanimously.

Let me give some background on this issue. For centuries, the Makah Indians, who live on the Olympic Peninsula, hunted the gray whales that migrated past their villages. Seventy years ago, the hunts were abandoned when the whale population plummeted.

Only 2 years ago, gray whales were removed from the endangered species list, and since that time, a number of native groups in both the United States and Canada have eyed the hunting of the gray whale as a lucrative commercial venture.

Makah tribal leaders say they want to start hunting the gray whale again as a way of reviving their culture. They insist that the whales would be used for ceremonial and subsistence purposes—but they have also reserved the right to commercial whaling in the future.

In fact, seven elders of the Makah Tribe strongly oppose the proposal. They question the need for resuming the hunting of gray whales, and some of them have questioned the motives of the tribal officials making the request, fearing the hunt will become a commercial enterprise.

According to the June 19 edition of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, one gray whale could fetch as much as \$1 million in Japan. Norwegian whaling interests have offered the tribe harpoons and a boat.

Another factor is that 13 native groups in Canada have already indicated their intention to resume whaling if the Makah Tribe is given a green light by the IWC. The Makah Tribal leaders say they want to kill only five whales a year, but if they start, how many more would be taken by other native groups? Where would it stop, once it started?

In addition to supporting the Makah request, the U.S. delegation to the IWC also supported a request by Russia to allow whaling of the